MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 13, 2012

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 19, 2011 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

POSITION TITLE: Mountain Lakes Summer Intern **OF POSITIONS: 2**

LOCATION(S): Billings, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

WORK START/END DATES: July 1, 2012 to August 31, 2012

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: July 1, 2012

<u>COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC:</u> \$10.00/hr for 9 weeks, or combination of wages and credits

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Fisheries Fieldworker in the Absaroka-Beartooth (A-B) Wilderness. Work will include mostly 4-day weeks backpacking into the A-B Wilderness to sample fisheries. Will utilize gill nets to sample fish, weigh and measure them, and take scale samples. Will necropsy fish and assess gut contents, assess spawning potential of inlet and outlet streams, and provide information on camping and access. Interns may also assist with other regional fisheries projects.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS): Must be currently enrolled in a Montana college or university, preferably around the Billings area. Minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in majors such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science/Studies. MUST BE ABLE TO HIKE AN AVERAGE OF 9 MILES PER DAY WITH A 60+ POUND BACKPACK.

Knowledge of camping and backpacking would be a plus, as would the ability to read and interpret topographical maps.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.): Recent transcripts, letter of application (include the following in the letter: why you would like this position and how it relates to your goals, height/weight, number of days spent backpacking the past 2 years, and location of these trips), two letters of reference, and a brief resume.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.) The rewards are great for the student who is capable of successfully filling this position, but the job is physically challenging. This is an excellent summer opportunity for those desiring college credits as an internship, individual problems project, or independent study. It is also suitable for teachers pursuing college credit for re-certification, although they must arrange for the credits themselves.